

— Capsule Summary  
SM-568  
Edwards/Miedzinski House  
Leonardtown  
Private

c. 1910s-1920s

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St. Mary's County  
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period:	Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930
Historic Period Theme:	Architecture

Resource Type

Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Town
Historic Function and Use:	Residence
Known Design Source:	None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-568

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Edwards/Miedzinski House

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 331 Lawrence Avenue ☐ not for publication

city, town Leonardtown ☐ vicinity of congressional district 3

state Maryland county St. Mary's TM 133, P 225

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Miedzinski Investments, Inc.

street & number Box 348 telephone no.: (301)-475-5808

city, town Leonardtown state and zip code Maryland 20650

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Planning and Zoning liber MRB 144

street & number folio 478

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing resource count: 1

The Edwards/Miedinski house is located on the west side of Lawrence Avenue just north of the intersection of Park and Lawrence Avenue. Oriented on an east-west axis, the dwelling is situated on flat 0.3 acre tract approximately fifteen feet west of the road. The house is bounded to the north by a one story residence, to the west by an alley, and to the south by the Southern Maryland Bottling Company Building (SM-567).

The Edwards/Miedinski house is a two story, five bay, frame dwelling with a gable roof. The entire house is sheathed with artificial siding while the roof is covered with asphalt siding.

The east or primary elevation is pierced by three, six-over-six, doubl-hung sash windows and two wood doors. These bays are sheltered by a hipped porch covered with asphalt shingles. The roof is supported by a series of five turned posts. The second floor is pierced by three, six-over-six and one, two-over-two windows. The roof, pierced by two brick chimney flues, also features a cross gable. The arrangement of the fenestration suggests that this dwelling originally consisted of a two story, three bay main block and a three bay, one story wing. The roof of the house was later raised to one continuous line.

The other elevations and interior were not investigated.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

## Specific dates

## Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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8.1 Significance

Chain-of-Title

(All deeds are located at the Land Records Office, St. Mary's Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Deed Reference: Liber MRB 144, Folio 478

Grantee: Miedzinski Investments Inc.

Grantor: Robert Miedzinski, et al

Date: May 23, 1983

Notes: The deed describes this lot as containing .309 acres.

Deed Reference: Liber CBG 13, Folio 395

Grantee: Robert and Mary Lillian Miedzinski

Grantor: J. Lewis and Birdie Edwards

Date: May 23, 1942

Deed Reference: Liber JMM 3, Folio 316

Grantee: J. Lewis and Birdie Edwards

Grantor: J. Allan Coad, et ux

Date: October 21, 1925

Notes: Here the property is described as containing 13,453 sq ft.

— Deed Reference: Liber JMM 3, Folio 113

Grantee: J. Allan Coad

Grantor: Daisey L and J. Harry Peacock

Date: May 7, 1925

Deed Reference: Liber EBA 17, Folio 238

Grantee: Daisey L. Peacock

Grantor: Lewis R. and Lena E. Springer

Date: August 10, 1918

Deed Reference: Liber EBA 17, Folio 144

Grantee: Lewis R. and Lena E. Springer

Grantor: L. Allison Wilmer and Joseph H. Ching

Date: May 22, 1918

Notes: As the result of circuit court case No. 1275 involving the Leonardtown Bank of the Eastern Shore Trust Company vs Frank Lawrence, several properties of Asa A. Lawrence were sold at public auction. The Springers subsequently purchase the property.

Deed Reference: Liber JFF 7, Folio 187

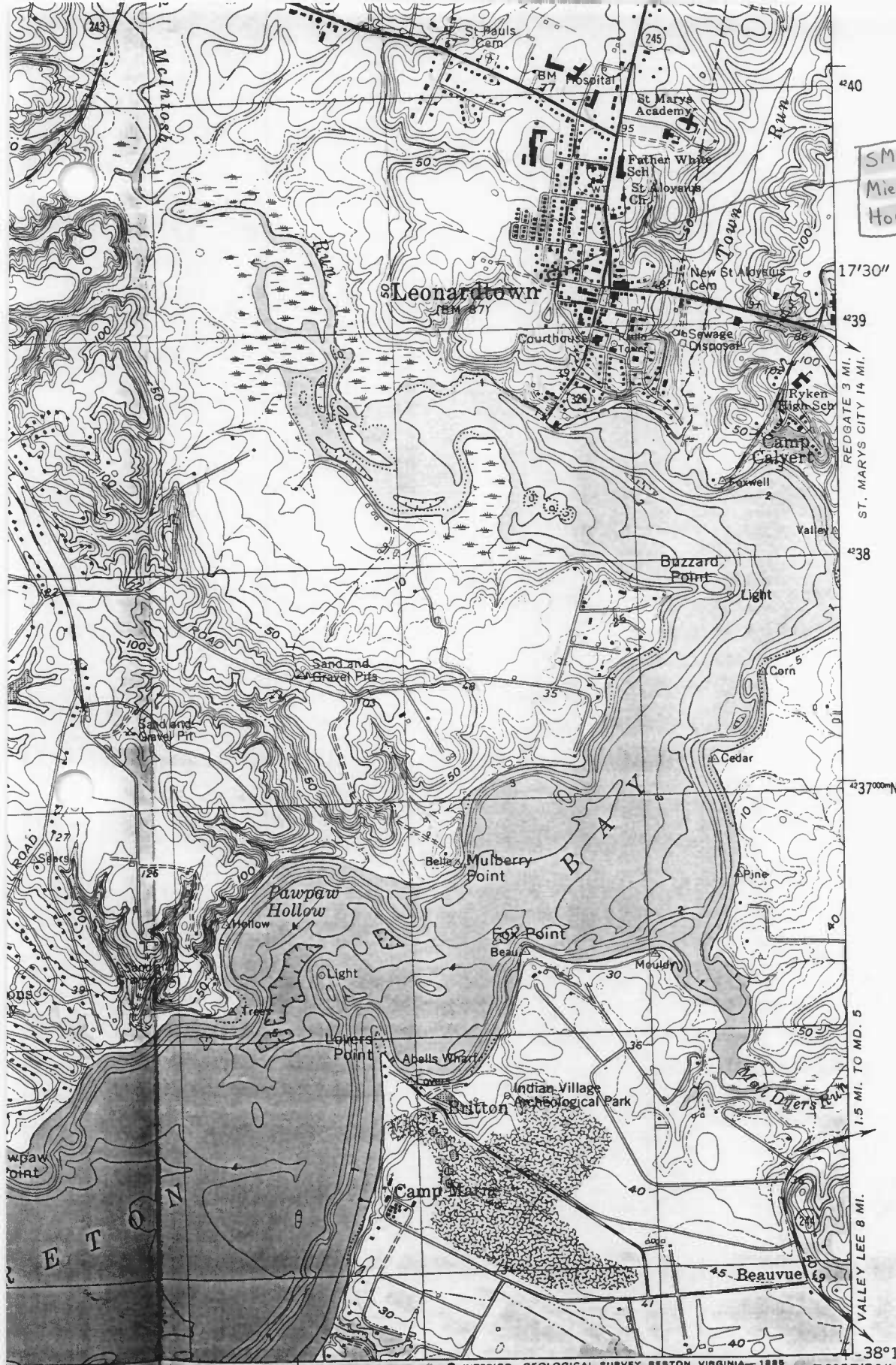
Grantee: Asa A. and Anna G. Lawrence

Grantor: Joseph H. Key and wife

Date: March 18, 1884

Notes: The Keys sell the Lawrences 1/2 acre on the west side of Lawrence Avenue.

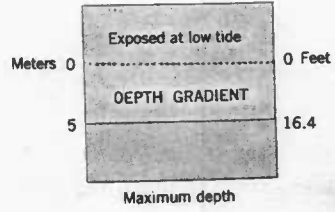
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Miedzinski  
House

Feet	Meters
1	.3048
2	.6096
3	.9144
4	1.2192
5	1.5240
6	1.8288
7	2.1336
8	2.4384
9	2.7432
10	3.0480

To convert feet to meters  
multiply by .3048  
To convert meters to feet  
multiply by 3.2808



INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1985

### ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ————— Light-duty —————  
Medium-duty ————— Unimproved dirt - - - - -

○ State Route

LEONARDTOWN, MD.  
SW/4 LEONARDTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE  
38076-C6-TB-024

1963  
3ATHYMETRY ADDED 1982  
PHOTOREVISED 1984  
DMA 5660 I SW—SERIES V833

(PINEY POINT)  
5660 I N





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Madzinski House

St. Mary's County

Rocky Point

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St. Mary's County

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